

UNITED STATES POLICE CANINE ASSOCIATION, INC SELECTION OF JUDGES FOR NATIONAL TRIALS

1. All National certified Judges are to have a membership application into the **National Secretary** by January 31st
2. All novice judges of the previous nationals, upon approval to National Judge status, will be held out of the rotation for the next National Certification. If you make National PDI Judge you will be held out of the next Patrol Dog Nationals. The same applies if you make National Detector Judge, you will be held out of the next Detector Nationals.
3. The National Secretary will provide the Chair of the Judges Committee a total list of eligible PDI judges and eligible detector judges after February 1st. The lists will be in alphabetical order and will be reviewed and finalized by the Judges Committee. The PDI list will go from A-Z and the detector list will be from Z – A. It is possible that a qualified national judge could be called for both events.
4. The Judges Committee will select the judges for an upcoming national event alphabetically beginning with the next letter after last year's event. Eligible judges will be contacted as soon as possible after February 1st either by email or by follow-up phone call. Eligible judges will be asked to commit to judging as soon as possible so that a list can be set sixty (60) days before the next trial. If you cannot attend, the next person alphabetically will be asked and your name will be placed back on the rotation list to be called the next time your name comes up in the normal alphabetical rotation.
5. **After the 60 day cut off:** Because of the short notice: If you agree to judge and it is AFTER the 60 day cut off, you may judge that trial and then your name will remain on the list alphabetically as normal following the procedures as listed in #4. (as if you did not just judge)
6. In order to judge a National Trial, a National Certified Judge is required to participate as a judge or chief judge in at least one Regional certification (in any event) in the two years prior to the National Certification. *IE: You must have judged a regional PDI trial in the last two years to be eligible for the National PDI Trial, and you must have judged a regional Detector trial in the last two years to be eligible for the National Detector Trial.*
7. Judges should not judge the same event two years consecutively at the National Trials if possible. (Apprehension work will be considered 2 phases for this rule only)
8. The Judges Committee will select the score sheets of a minimum of ten competitors at the National trials for review.
9. National Certified Judges will be placed on the "inactive" national judges list when they have not judged a regional trial in two consecutive years. Fail to pay USPCA dues by January 31st will also result in placement on the "inactive" list for that year.
10. A National Certified Judge who is on the inactive list is required to participate as a scoring judge in at least one regional PDI (two phases) or one regional detector certification with their scoring reviewed by the National judges Committee. The committee will make recommendations to the National Executive Board, who will approve or disapprove his placement back onto the active National judges list.